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ABSTRACT

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for teenagers. The rate has increased by 300% since the 1950s. By establishing a comprehensive, well-organized crisis intervention program, schools can do a great deal to prevent teenage suicide, and to help the school community survive if a tragedy cannot be averted. This book provides professionals with practical, step-by-step guidelines for setting up and maintaining such a program, using numerous case examples as illustrations. Emphasizing the role of all school personnel in suicide intervention and prevention, this book is a resource for school psychologists, counselors, teachers, and administrators, as well as parents and anyone concerned with what can be done in schools to help thwart the growth of teenage suicide. Chapters include: (1) Introduction; (2) Incidence; (3) A Case Study; (4) Forces and Factors in Teen Suicide; (5) The School's Role in Prevention; (6) Liability and Legal Issues; (7) Legislation; (8) The School and Postvention; (9) Dealing with the Media; (10) Curriculum; (11) Questions and Answers; (12) Resources; and (13) Conclusions. Five appendices include: prevention tips, a suicide information test and answers, a risk assessment worksheet, and a verification of emergency conference form for parents. Contains 180 references. (JBJ)

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